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Judge Manley Named Recipient of Chief Justice's Leadership Award

Leader of Drug, Mental Health Courts to Be Honored

San Francisco—Judge Stephen V. Manley, of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, has been named the 2008 recipient of the Chief Justice's Award for Exemplary Service and Leadership for his outstanding contributions in developing drug and mental health courts and improving the statewide administration of justice.

The award honors an individual or entity deserving of special recognition by the highest judicial officer of the state for outstanding service to the judicial branch. Chief Justice Ronald M. George will present the award to Judge Manley at a meeting of court leaders on October 14, 2008, in Monterey.

A jurist for almost 30 years, Judge Manley is supervising judge for all felony drug cases and mental health cases in the Superior Court of Santa Clara County. He founded the Santa Clara County Drug Court in 1996 and the Mental Health Court in 1997. One of the largest mental health treatment courts in the United States, the court currently provides treatment and supervision for 1,500 defendants.

Judge Manley represents the Judicial Council as a partner with California's Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to co-administer state drug court funding. This effort has increased the number of drug court programs so that they now reach 54 counties and has expanded into new areas such as dependency drug courts and dual diagnosis courts. Since the inception of the legislation, Judge Manley also has successfully advocated for an increase in state drug court funding from \$3 million in 1996 to nearly \$30 million today.

In addition, Judge Manley was instrumental in achieving the first appropriation for DUI courts by Congress in 1994 to provide federal

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grants to the states to develop these new courts. In addition, he advocated before Congress to increase the funding to support grant programs to the states for mental health courts and mental health reform efforts.

Judge Manley has represented the Judicial Council on the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs' advisory committee for the implementation of Proposition 36 over the past six years and co-chaired a committee of stakeholders that developed a proposal to convert the program into a collaborative model to achieve better outcomes for individual participants.

He proposed and successfully implemented new initiatives in the Superior Court of Santa Clara County for defendants identified as "incompetent," in which community treatment designed to restore competency is used rather than placing the defendants in jails and hospitals. He has proposed and started a combined program that will utilize Laura's Law in competency proceedings and has implemented a special program with the Santa Clara County District Attorney to monitor registered sex offenders who are homeless and mentally ill.

Judge Manley also developed a proposal that was subsequently approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2007 to create a model reentry court program for parolees who face one year or less of incarceration for parole violations that is entirely based on the collaborative and mental health court models and is designed to keep parolees, specifically those who are mentally ill, in the community rather than returning them to prison.

Judge Manley currently serves on the Judicial Council's Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues. He has also served on the Judicial Council's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee.

Judge Manley is a past chair of the Collaborative Courts Education Committee and served on that committee for six years. In addition, he has been on the faculty of the B. E. Witkin Judicial College, as well as many other CJER programs on collaborative justice, Proposition 36, dual diagnosis, and mental health.

A graduate of Stanford Law School, Judge Manley is president of the California Association of Drug Court Professionals, which has grown into the largest collaborative courts organization in the state. He is a member of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and an officer on the association's board of directors, as well as chair of the Legislative Advocacy Committee of the NAACP.

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